Sl.No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	No. of SSI Units Functioning
17.	Meghalaya	1908
18.	Assam	10338
19.	West Bengal	26080
20.	Jharkhand	13822
21.	Orissa	9708
22.	Chhattisgarh	27830
23.	Madhya Pradesh	65649
24.	Gujarat	39159
25.	Daman & Diu	454
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	423
27.	Maharashtra	54243
28.	Andhra Pradesh	38582
29.	Karnataka	46611
30.	Goa	2327
31.	Lakshadweep	16
32.	Kerala	74832
33.	Tamil Nadu	127185
34.	Pondicherry	2586
35.	Andaman & Nicobar IS.	515
	ALL-INDIA TOTAL:	**8,87,427**

Statutory dues of CPSU employees

*145. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1798 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th December, 2003 and state:

(a) the status of payment of outstanding dues to employees of the Central Public Sector Undertakings which were Rs. 1915 crores as on the 31st March, 2003;

(b) whether a monitoring body has been set up to liquidate the dues in a time bound schedule; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The total outstanding dues in respect of workers of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) were Rs. 1365 crores, as on 30.6.2004.

(b) A Group of Ministers (GoM) was set up to devise a strategy for liquidation of outstanding statutory dues of the workers of the CPSUs. The GoM has recommended that the Department of Public Enterprises will monitor compliance of the item schedule as drawn up by the GoM in consultation with the administrative Ministries/Departments concerned, to clear the outstanding dues of the workers in all the defaulting CPSUs.

(c) Does not arise.

Women's wage rates

*146. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that according to the UNDP Human Development Report women's wage rates are on an average 75 per cent of men's wage rates and constitute only one fourth of the family income;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to enact labour laws for these women workers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The legal issues pertaining to equal wages to women workers are covered under the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, which provides for payment of equal remuneration to men and women workers for the same work or work of similar nature. Therefore, no separate legislation is required.

Task force on problems of WLL *vs.* GSM

*147. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Task Force of technical experts from NTs, CSIR, TCIL and others to ensure that WLL Limited mobile services do not suffer due to unnecessary representation by Cellular Operators Association of India; and